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SENATE BILL

No. 811

Introduced by Senator Lara

February 22, 2013

An act to add Section 103.1 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 811, as amended, Lara. State Highway Route 710.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of the state highway system. Existing law imposes various requirements for the development and implementation of transportation projects.

This bill would impose various additional requirements on the department, or on another agency, if that agency agrees to assume responsibility as the lead agency, with respect to the I-710 corridor project in the County of Los Angeles from State Highway Route 60 in East Los Angeles to Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach. The bill would require the lead agency, in consultation with all interested community organizations, to include, within the environmental review process for the project, alternatives to address the air quality, public health, and

mobility impacts the project will have on neighboring communities, including, in its entirety, Community Alternative 7, as defined, as a complete project alternative. The bill would require the final environmental document approved by the lead agency to include an investment in identified mitigation measures and community benefits for the affected communities and the Los Angeles River. The bill would require the lead agency to submit a report in that regard to the ~~Legislature~~ *project committee* at least 90 days prior to approving the final environmental document for the project. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 103.1 is added to the Streets and
2 Highways Code, to read:
3 103.1. (a) As used in this section, the following terms have
4 the following meanings:
5 (1) “I-710 corridor project” means the proposed program of
6 improvements to the State Highway Route 710 Corridor in the
7 County of Los Angeles within the State Highway Route 710
8 Corridor project study area, which extends from State Highway
9 Route 60 in East Los Angeles to Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach.
10 The I-710 corridor project does not include any extension of State
11 Highway Route 710 through South Pasadena from State Highway
12 Route 10 to State Highway Route 210.
13 (2) “Community Alternative 7” means an alternative
14 infrastructure plan developed by a coalition of community partners,
15 and submitted for consideration to the I-710 corridor project’s lead
16 agency in response to the first draft environmental review
17 document, and voted on by the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee
18 to be included in the recirculated draft EIR/Supplemental EIS
19 document.
20 (3) “Lead agency” means the department, unless another agency
21 agrees to assume responsibility as the lead agency for the I-710
22 corridor project under the California Environmental Quality Act
23 (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public
24 Resources Code), in which case “lead agency” means that other
25 agency.

1 (4) “Los Angeles River” or “river” means the Los Angeles River
2 within the State Highway Route 710 Corridor project study area,
3 including the adjacent tributaries of Compton Creek and Rio
4 Hondo.

5 (5) “Project committee” means the committee facilitated by the
6 project’s lead agency as a part of the I-710 corridor project
7 community participation framework, and is comprised of elected
8 officials from I-710 corridor project corridor communities and
9 funding partner representatives who make recommendations to
10 the funding partners and the department on key assumptions and
11 decisions in the environmental review process. The funding
12 partners include the department, the Los Angeles County
13 Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Gateway Cities Council
14 of Governments, the Southern California Association of
15 Governments, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and the
16 Interstate 5 Joint Powers Authority.

17 (b) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

18 (1) The proposed I-710 corridor project is a project of national
19 significance that is intended to expand capacity on State Highway
20 Route 710 in the County of Los Angeles to accommodate the
21 movement of freight from and to the Ports of Los Angeles and
22 Long Beach, thereby providing economic benefits in the region
23 and beyond. However, the I-710 corridor project, as proposed,
24 may have adverse public health, air quality, and quality-of-life
25 impacts on residents residing near the corridor from East Los
26 Angeles to Long Beach.

27 (2) The proposed I-710 corridor project is a “goods movement”
28 project that should be aligned with the principles laid out in the
29 2007 Goods Movement Action Plan, prepared by the California
30 Environmental Protection Agency and the Business, Transportation
31 and Housing Agency. These principles highlight the importance
32 of goods movement projects that provide local communities with
33 benefits and improvements. This supports the goal that one of the
34 I-710 alternatives should provide improvements to the communities
35 housing the project. For the I-710 corridor project, these
36 improvements may include, but are not limited to, the following:

37 (A) River improvements including those that contribute to
38 revitalization of the river and green, active space along the river.

39 (B) Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; public transit
40 infrastructure and operations.

1 (C) Targeted hiring and job training related to the construction
2 and operation of the project.

3 (D) Improvements to conditions at sensitive sites, such as
4 schools, homes, elderly care facilities, and homeless care facilities.

5 (3) The proposed I-710 corridor project is a transportation
6 project that should be consistent with the goals of Assembly Bill
7 32 (Ch. 488, Stats. 2006) and Senate Bill 375 (Ch. 728, Stats.
8 2008) of reducing greenhouse gases by reducing vehicle miles
9 traveled and increasing public transit use and active transportation.

10 (4) Community Alternative 7 includes these principles, goals,
11 and improvements. On January 31, 2013, the project committee
12 for the proposed I-710 corridor project voted to recommend that
13 the lead agency consider Community Alternative 7 in its entirety
14 in the draft environmental review document for the project.

15 (c) The lead agency, in consultation with all interested
16 community organizations, shall include, within the environmental
17 review process, alternatives to address the air quality, public health,
18 and mobility impacts that the I-710 corridor project could have on
19 neighboring communities. One of these alternatives shall be
20 Community Alternative 7, studied in its entirety, as a complete
21 project alternative.

22 (d) The final environmental document approved by the lead
23 agency for the I-710 corridor project shall include an investment
24 in identified mitigation measures where there are impacts to the
25 affected communities and the Los Angeles River.

26 (e) At least 90 days prior to approving the final environmental
27 document for the I-710 corridor project, the lead agency shall
28 submit a report to the ~~Legislature~~ *project committee* describing
29 the identified mitigation measures and community benefits that
30 will be included in the project and providing evidence of meeting
31 the requirements of this section. ~~The report shall be submitted~~
32 ~~pursuant to Section 9795 of the Government Code.~~